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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 29, 2004, please amend this application as shown in the attached sheets.

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application, of which claims 1, 13 and 22 are independent claims. Claims 1-43 were rejected. Claims 1, 13 and 22 are currently amended. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Office rejected claims 1-43 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Staples (USP 6,301,339). Staples teaches a system for providing a remote user with virtual presence in an office. A server redirects communications such as a fax transmission to a remote office by using information manually loaded into the server, e.g., an alternate fax number. (Abstract). A user may manually provide an indication of presence at a home office, but there is no indication